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## COLONEL J. M. BACON.

The Commandant at Huachuca visits Nogales on his return from Sonora.

Tuesday morning Lieutenant Colonel J. M. Bacon, First Cavalry, U. S. A., commandant at Fort Huachuca, returned from his visit at Hermosillo, mention of which was made in THE OASIS of last week, and was at Nogales two entire days.

While stopping at the line cities Colonel Bacon was the guest of United States Consul R. Hughes Long, representing the American government at Nogales, Sonora, who met the distinguished visitor at the depot, and escorted him to the consulate, over which, in honor of his visit, there proudly floated the American ensign.

After a sumptuous breakfast Colonel Bacon departed from the consulate to pay a number of calls to prominent citizens of both cities, and returned to the consulate at 11 o'clock, passing the hour intervening until the time for luncheon in praising the people of Hermosillo and in passing panegyrics upon their hospitality and good will, of which he had been the pleased recipient, having been at that place for several days, the guest of General Luis E. Torres, and Governor Dr. P. Figueroa.

After luncheon, being in the land of the siesta, Colonel Bacon retired to the private apartments of Consul Long, and was as quickly in the dream-land as if he had been taking siestas all his life.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon there gathered at the consulate a large concourse of prominent citizens from both sides of the line, who had been invited by Consul Long to meet the distinguished guest, who was presented to each, renewing many pleasant acquaintances formed during the Yaqui troubles, two months ago. About two hours were passed in pleasant conversation, friendly jests, and toasts to the health of each other, drank in sparkling champagne.

Consul Long in a few, felicitous and well chosen sentences, toasted the guest of the evening, who responded eloquently and with deep feeling. After thanking Consul Long for the attention paid him, Colonel Bacon alluded most earnestly and with rare good will to the elegant reception he had been given at Hermosillo, and the appreciation and kindly feeling shown him by all, as a representative American.

The invited guests were Don Rodolfo Ogarrio, Administrador de la Aduana (collector of customs) at Nogales, Sonora; Señor Carlos Garza Cortina, alternate representative of the state of Sonora in the congress of the republic of Mexico; Señor Manuel Mascareñas, consul of the republic of Mexico at Nogales, Arizona; Señor Cirilo Ramirez, presidente of the city of Nogales, Sonora; Colonel Agustín G. Hernandez, commander of the Twelfth Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Benigno Aguilar, Adjutant Jose M. Corona, Lieutenants Aurelio F. Sanchez, Francisco Vasconcelos; Sub Lieutenants Ricardo Lopez, Luis Garcia, Jose Gomez, Antonio Leal, of the Twelfth Battalion; Captain Juan G. Castillo, and Lieutenants Toribio Herrera and Simon Bravo, of the Eleventh Battalion; Lieut. Jose de la Rosa; Adjutant Pascual Camou, of La Gendarmeria Fiscal; Hon. S. F. Webb, collector of customs of the United States, at Nogales, Arizona; S. M. Aguirre, deputy collector of customs; E. K. Sykes, chief clerk in U. S. custom house; J. H. Politzer, statistical clerk U. S. custom house; P. J. Zeimet, agent for Sonora railway; M. H. Jones, cashier Sonora railway; John Dessart, president and Fred Herrera, cashier International Bank; Judge J. S. Taylor; Captain Allen T. Bird and Lieutenants S. D. Piper and J. D. Fisher, N. G. A.; W. F. Overton and J. J. Rafael, of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express; Prospero and Aurelio Sandoval; A. Biester; O. H. Pettipain; Luis Fressinier; F. J. Duffy; Marshall N. Bird; Stewart P. Johnson, U. S. geological survey; Mr. Lake, of New York Life Insurance Co.; W.

## Colonel Hernandez.

Colonel Agustín G. Hernandez, the commander of the twelfth battalion of infantry of the Mexican army, stationed at Torin, on the Rio Yaqui, who has been at Nogales this week with a portion of his command, is one of the most gentlemanly and gallant soldiers that have served under the Mexican flag.

During thirty years service for his country, Colonel Hernandez has gained considerable distinction and honor, in proof of which he has been decorated with eight different medals for gallant services. He wears the crosses of the first and second degree, presented by the Mexican government; also decorations bestowed upon him for services during the siege of Queretaro and the occupation of that city in 1867, when the resisting forces under command of the Archduke Maximilian of Austria, as Emperor of Mexico, sustained a crushing defeat; the medals assigned to the officers who commanded the Mexican troops when they defeated the famous Manuel Lozada, the "African tiger," at the battle of "La Majonera." He also has several medals which were bestowed upon him during the Yaqui Indian rebellion during 1885 and 1886. The Colonel is a brother-in-law of General Juan Hernandez, commander of the second military zone of Mexico.

Colonel Hernandez and his command were ordered to Nogales by Gen. Luis E. Torres, commander of the first military zone, having arrived here last Saturday from Magdalena, where they had been stationed during the fiesta to prevent any possible uprising. During their stay here the Colonel has had a company under the command of Captain Candiani scouting along the border on the look out for armed Indians. The entire battalion returned to the Rio Yaqui last night.

## Beauty the Same Everywhere.

"Never in all my life," said U. S. Consul R. Hughes Long, to THE OASIS man yesterday, as he leaned up against a railway car at the depot, and lighted a brown paper Mexican cigarette, "have I been more delighted than with the account given by Colonel Bacon, U. S. A., of his visit at Hermosillo with that distinguished soldier and statesman, General Luis E. Torres, of whom Colonel Bacon was the guest. I have conceived a great admiration for both of these distinguished servants of the two republics, and it has pleased me greatly to see the two gentlemen so closely drawn to each other. Such international occasions are of great value in cementing a lasting friendship between the two great republics and when men so whole hearted and whole souled get together, from two adjoining nations, their mutual attraction is of vast assistance in cementing and maintaining a true 'entente cordial' between their respective countries. I observed with interest that the gallant colonel was as keenly alive to feminine beauty as, when a young lieutenant on the staff of General Sherman, in 1863, he was the idol of the belles of the Blue Grass region of Kentucky, and after his praise I shall certainly go to Hermosillo to see for myself the manifold graces and attractions he so gallantly extolled in the señoritas of the Sonora capital."

## N. A. C. Social.

Wednesday evening at the club rooms of the Nogales Athletic Club the members gave a very pleasant social hop. The evening was an ideal one for dancing which was indulged in until three o'clock the next morning. At twelve an intermission was taken to partake of the coffee and cake that had been prepared by the Ladies' Annex.

Those who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gibson, Mrs. M. Herperger, Mrs. H. Daniels; Misses Margot Fort, Luisa Parodi, Guadalupe Martinez, Amelia Pesqueira, Magdalena Novion, Ada EKey, Emma Walker, Blanche Avery, Ada Hannah; Messrs. E. K. Sykes, T. F. Broderick, Aurelio Sandoval, H. V. Lewis, N. Burgoon, Will EKey, Demetrio Velasco, R. H. Long, T. F. Grindell, J. H. Politzer, Marshall Bird.

## MINAS PRIETAS NOTES

A Collection of Items Gathered at the Great Gold Camps.

Mr. S. B. Comstock of Nogales, has been at Minas Prietas this week.

There is a rumor afloat in the camp that operations are to be shortly resumed in the Verde mine.

Last week the new battery of sixteen Frue vanners at the Minas Prietas mill was started to work and is doing very nicely.

Mr. Geo. Kuhns, machinist in the shop at Prietas, has been quite ill, and on Monday he started for Nogales for change of climate and attendance.

Mr. Beauman, from the Fraser & Chalmers works at Chicago, is in charge of the work of putting up the new air compressor at the Creston hoist.

Maurice Stevens has opened a new saloon not far from the Amarillas hoist. He has laid in a fine stock of liquors, and his place is a very popular resort.

Mr. Lewis Friend of Tucson, who operated for a long time in the Arivaca country, is now operating in the Ures district of Sonora, and makes his headquarters at La Colorada.

The new air compressor at the Creston hoist is rapidly approaching completion, and will be ready for operation about the first of November. It is a splendid plant of machinery.

Jack Fitzgerald of Nogales, is employed as steward at the company hospital at La Colorada, in the place of Tom Burke, who has gone to San Francisco in charge of Elgin Belyea, who was so severely injured by an explosion.

In the absence of Doctor Howitt, who is in California, and Doctor Patton, who is in Nogales quite ill, Doctor Wright is now the only medical practitioner in the camp and between the company hospital and general practice he is kept very busy.

Recently Elgin Belyea, a shift boss on the Amarillas mine was frightfully injured by the explosion of a box of giant powder caps. His arm was broken, his right eye torn out and the left eye terribly injured. Tuesday this week Tom Burk started for San Francisco with the injured man, to have him attended there, hoping to save the left eye.

Saturday last at Minas Prietas, John Krohn, a miner who has been employed in the camp about two years died after a short illness, and was buried Sunday. Deceased was from the vicinity of Casa Grande, Arizona, and was employed some thirteen years at the Jack Rabbitt, while the property was in operation. He was owner of the Krohn mine, near the Jack Rabbitt.

The Torres & Minas Prietas railway is now running trains to a point about 3 miles from La Colorada, and passengers can save the long hack ride from Torres. Connection is made with all trains on the Sonora, and at the terminus hacks are always in waiting to quickly convey passengers to La Colorada, Las Amarillas or Las Prietas. On the train Gordon Seymour acts as conductor and looks out for the wants of the passengers.

On the 5th inst., Louis Cambuston opened the new Central hotel at La Colorada for the accommodation of lodgers; but the dining room is not yet opened, awaiting the return from France of Don Ramon Cambuston, the well known caterer, long in the hotel business in Guaymas and other places in Sonora. The gentleman left New York on Monday of the present week, en route.

Tuesday of the present week Foreman Joe Thompson, with a heavy force of masons and workmen, commenced work on the great dam which is to enlarge and deepen the reservoir which was so successfully created by the dam constructed early in the year. The new dam is just below the old one, and will be about double the height, raising the water nearly to a level with the Creston mill site and backing it up to within a few rods of that building.

Tuesday work was begun at a point about midway between the Minas Prietas mill and the Creston hoist, excavating a site for the new building which is to be for the electrical department, under charge of Chief Electrician Harry H. Davidson. The building will be about 60x18 feet, outside dimensions, with three large rooms—one 20x15 for the office and battery room, with switch boards for the telephone system, etc; the second 18x15 feet for use as a storeroom, and the third 15x15 feet for the personal quarters of the chief electrician.

The Torres & Minas Prietas railway is delayed somewhat by the non-arrival of ties which are en route. Arrangements have recently been made with Mr. H. T. Richards for a quantity he had secured for his Hermosillo street railway, and with them the track will shortly be completed to La Colorada. The others will be on the ground by November 1st when the road will be extended to Prietas, and the spur to the Grand Central and Amarillas mines put in. The latter will have two branches, one to each mill; and to get up there the lines will be constructed over 44 per cent grades.

On the 4th instant work was commenced on the new four compartment shaft at the Grand Central mine, and it is prosecuted night and day with a large force of men, under the supervision of Foreman William Ham. In nine days a depth of thirty-five feet had been attained. Another heavy force of men under Foreman John Miller has constructed a roadway leading up to the place and is now grading a site for the immense hoist which will be constructed to operate the shaft. For the present work the machinery formerly used at the Creston hoist will be used; but a plant equal to that now in use at the Creston has been ordered and will in due time be erected. The big shaft will be sunk 530 feet before cutting out a station, from which a drift will be run 100 feet to connect with the 400 foot level. The vein will be cut at a depth of 800 feet.

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